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Dear Goldyther

I hope your 'silence' does not mean that you are ill. We are now three weeks in Cairo and I am beginning to get hold of the colloquial. My teacher is Sultan Eppendi whom I understand, you know. Artin Pasha introduced me to him and also to several other people so I am quite afloat now. But one winter is such a short time and I am very slow in understanding what is said to me. *(يحيى يسيه)* *Yahi Yasih*! I had exactly the same difficulty in German. And it is so difficult also to get accurate information here. The people will tell you anything - mostly wrong. The Cairo is greatly changed since the last book about it was written. Lane-Poole's Cairo is out-of-date already. Best greetings from us both to you both. Perhaps next September we may be round your way. *Y. B. Alkhalil*